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SUBJECT: SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE HEARING ON REGIONAL  
FISHERIES TREATY IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION

REF: 88 STATE 50569

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE AND TRANSPORTATION  
HELD HEARING ON IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION FOR THE SOUTH  
PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERIES TREATY ON 23 FEBRUARY. SEN.  
BREAUX CHAIRED THE HEARING AND WAS THE ONLY COMMITTEE  
MEMBER PRESENT. OES DAS WOLFE TESTIFIED FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT IN THE ABSENCE OF UNDERSECRETARY DERWINSKI.  
UNDERSECRETARY-DESIGNATE WILLIAM EVANS AND SOUTHWEST  
REGIONAL FISHERIES CENTER DIRECTOR CHARLES FULLERTON  
TESTIFIED FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.  
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE U.S. TUNA INDUSTRY ALSO  
TESTIFIED. SENATORS HOLLINGS AND INOUE ENTERED  
STATEMENTS INTO THE RECORD. QUESTIONS TO THE WITNESSES  
BY SEN. BREAUX FOCUSED ON TREATY ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS  
AND WHETHER THE AGREEMENT GAVE U.S. FISHERMEN EXCLUSIVE  
ACCESS TO THE REGION. ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS WERE POSED ON  
AN UNRELATED PIECE OF LEGISLATION, THE REAUTHORIZATION OF

THE FISHERMEN'S GUARANTY FUND. DEPT IS CAUTIOUSLY  
OPTIMISTIC THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL REPORT FAVORABLY ON  
THE IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL  
WEEKS. WHITEHEAD  
END OF MESSAGE

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